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# **Increasing of Duty-Free Quotas for U.S. Poultry 2002**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**On June 4, 2002, the Secretariat of Economy increased duty-free quotas for U.S. chicken carcasses (frames) under NAFTA for 4,904 MT. Imports must be completed by December 31, 2002.**

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Includes PSD changes: No  
Includes Trade Matrix: No  
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**Introduction:** This report summarizes an announcement published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on June 4, 2002.

**Disclaimer:** This summary is based on a *cursory* review of the subject announcement and therefore should not, under any circumstances, be viewed as a definitive reading of the regulation in question, or of its implications for U.S. agricultural export trade interests. In the event of a discrepancy or discrepancies between this summary and the complete regulation or announcement as published in Spanish, the latter shall prevail.

**FAS/Mexico's Executive Summary:** The Secretariat of Economy (SE) announced on June 4, 2002 in the *Diario Oficial* (Mexico's Federal Register) that it is increasing duty free quotas of U.S. poultry carcasses under NAFTA. The 2002 duty free tariff rates quotas (TRQs) for U.S. poultry carcasses for the second semester are for 4,904 MT.

H.T.S. SYSTEM	ITEM	NAFTA TRQ FOR 2002
0207.13.02 0207.14.03	Chicken carcasses (frames)	4,904 MT

Chicken frames will be assigned by direct allocation to TIF plants producing cold cuts. According to the publication, SE will allocate 95 percent of the total quota to traditional importers and 5 percent to new importers. According to the industry, only one company, located in Nuevo Laredo, processes chicken frames in Mexico. Imports must be completed by December 31, 2002.

**Title:** Increasing of Duty-Free Quotas for Poultry Products Under NAFTA

**Important Dates**

**1. Publication Date:** June 4, 2002

**2. Effective Date:** June 5, 2002

**Agency in Charge:** Secretariat of Economy

**Additional Information:** The SE mentions it is complying with the 2002 Budget, approved by legislators on January 1, 2002, that indicates that minimum and additional TRQ's for U.S. turkey parts and mechanically deboned meat (MDM) under NAFTA will be reduced 10 percent from last year's level. Since 2001 imports of U.S. chicken carcasses were 12,338 MT, the import volume for 2002 has now been reduced to 11,104.2 MT. The first semester allocation for this TRQ was for 6,200 MT.

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